



# Guide to DEQ Divisions & Offices

Protecting Michigan's Environment, Ensuring Michigan's Future

## Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

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### ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

5<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Tower  
517-241-7427

### AIR QUALITY DIVISION

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, North Tower  
517-373-7069

### OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, North Tower  
517-335-2419

### OFFICE OF THE GREAT LAKES

6<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Tower  
517-335-4056

### REMEDIATION DIVISION

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floors, South Tower  
517-373-9837

### RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Atrium Level, North Tower  
517-335-2690

### OFFICE OF OIL, GAS, AND MINERALS

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, South Tower  
517-241-1515

### WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, North and South Towers  
517-373-1170

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

6<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Tower

#### Executive Division

517-373-7917

#### Communications Director

517-373-7917 or 517-241-7396

#### Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

517-373-7917 or 517-241-7396

#### Michigan Administrative Hearing System

Atrium Level, South Tower  
517-335-4226

#### Quality of Life Human Resources

5<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Tower  
517-335-1100

#### Department of Natural Resources

##### Law Enforcement Division/ Environmental Criminal Investigations

Mason Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
517-335-3434

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The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) protects Michigan's environment and public health. As stewards of Michigan's environment, the DEQ works on behalf of the people of the Great Lakes state for an improved quality of life and a sustainable future. In service to the public, the DEQ administers programs that promote the appropriate use of, limit the adverse effects on, and restore the quality of the environment. Through its many public/private partnerships, the DEQ encourages innovative and voluntary actions that will enhance our natural resources and the environment.

### *Administration Division*

The Administration Division has the responsibility for department-wide budget development and monitoring, financial management, federal grants management, field operations support in district offices, facilities management, coordination of information technology support, and responses to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. The Division coordinates all aspects of developing the annual Governor's budget for the DEQ, serving as the primary liaison with the department's divisions and offices, the State Budget Office, and the House and the Senate Appropriations Committees. The Division also provides budget monitoring and financial support for the Executive Division, the Office of the Great Lakes, the Office of Environmental Assistance, Environmental Criminal Investigations, and departmental support services. The Administration Division coordinates and monitors inter-departmental agreements for shared-services support of several department-wide administrative support functions, including the following agreements: accounting functions are provided by the Accounting Service Center in the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and procurement and vehicle management functions are provided by the Department of Natural Resources. The Administration Division coordinates all audit activity for the DEQ, including federal program audits, Office of the Auditor General audits and the Single Audit, Office of Internal Audit Services (DTMB) audits, and the biennial Internal Control Evaluation (ICE) process. Contact the **Administration Division** at **517-241-7427**.

### *Air Quality Division*

The Air Quality Division (AQD) works with business and industry air pollution sources and with the general public to help maintain compliance with statutes that minimize adverse impacts on human health and the environment. Staff work to identify and reduce existing outdoor air pollution problems and to prevent significant deterioration of the air quality through air emission control programs, air monitoring, control strategy planning, permit issuance, and inspection of air emission sources. Contact the **Air Quality Division** at **517-373-7069**.

### *Office of Environmental Assistance*

The Office of Environmental Assistance (OEA) implements a number of programs that promote environmental stewardship and enhance customer service related to all programs administered by the DEQ. The primary services provided by the OEA are compliance assistance, pollution prevention, environmental education, permit coordination, financial assistance, incentive programs, training, and outreach. Additionally, the OEA manages metrics, process improvement, and professional development initiatives for the DEQ. Contact the **Environmental Assistance Center** at **1-800-662-9278** and the **Office of Environmental Assistance** at **517-335-2419**.

### *Office of the Great Lakes*

The Office of the Great Lakes (OGL) was created by the Michigan Legislature in 1985 under the Great Lakes Protection Act to lead policy development and implement programs to protect, restore, and sustain the Great Lakes ecosystem. The OGL collaborates with partners to support sustainable use of coastal resources, coordinate restoration of severely degraded areas, manage water quality and quantity, prevent aquatic invasive species, and engage in emerging issues. The OGL is responsible for Michigan's Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOC) and Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP) programs. These programs ensure continued efforts towards delisting of Michigan's Great Lakes AOC and coordination of restoration and protection activities for all the Great Lakes within Michigan. The OGL is also responsible for Michigan's Coastal Management Program (CMP) developed under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act and approved in 1978. The CMP assists organizations in protecting and enhancing their coastal areas and funds coastal management

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[www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq)

Environmental Assistance Center:  
1-800-662-9278

Pollution Emergencies:  
1-800-292-4706

studies to support the economic, environmental, and social health of coastal communities. The OGL works with the Governor, state and federal legislators, the DEQ, and other state agencies to ensure a healthy environment, strong economy, and high quality of life for the people of Michigan. The OGL Director also represents the state in a number of international and interstate organizations, including the Asian Carp Coordinating Committee, Great Lakes Commission, International Joint Commission, and Council of Great Lakes Governors. Contact the **Office of the Great Lakes** at 517-335-4056.

## ***Remediation Division***

The Remediation Division administers programs that facilitate the cleanup and redevelopment of sites of environmental contamination (soil, groundwater) statewide, providing for a cleaner, safer, and more productive environment. The division is additionally responsible for regulatory oversight of aboveground and underground storage tanks. Four statutes and corresponding administrative rules guide the division in this endeavor, specifically: Part 201 (Environmental Remediation), Part 213 (Leaking Underground Storage Tanks), and portions of Part 215 (Refined Petroleum Fund) of the state's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA); and portions of the federal Superfund Program, established under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). In addition, the division coordinates DEQ implementation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, 1996 PA 381, as amended. Act 381 provides a method to finance environmental response activities at brownfield sites through tax increment financing. Contact the **Remediation Division** at 517-373-9837.

## ***Resource Management Division***

The Resource Management Division (RMD) administers a diverse number of prevention programs to protect public health and the environment through the activities of the various sections within the division: Drinking Water and Environmental Health, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste and Land Application, Radiological Protection, Revolving Loan, Enforcement, Field Operations, and Administration Sections; in addition to the Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals. The drinking water program regulates construction, operation, and maintenance of public water supplies. The RMD licenses campgrounds, which are required to provide safe drinking water, proper sewage, and garbage disposal to ensure public health protection. Swimming pools must meet technical requirements to protect public health and safety. The well construction program protects public health by ensuring that water wells are properly constructed, operated, and decommissioned. The RMD issues permits and licenses and oversees the operation of hazardous and solid waste disposal areas; regulates the activities of hazardous waste and liquid industrial waste generators and transporters; oversees solid waste planning; registers medical waste producing facilities and regulates the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of medical waste; regulates land application of biosolids from wastewater treatment plants; coordinates with local health departments on the regulation of on-site sewage treatment systems; regulates septage waste servicers and provides oversight for the management of human waste pumped from private septic systems that is recycled onto agricultural land as a fertilizer or soil amendment; regulates the hauling and disposal of scrap tires; and operates a grant program to address abandoned scrap tire piles. The radiological protection programs handle issues involving radioactive materials that are not specifically regulated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, such as naturally occurring radioactive materials and radon; and serves as the state's radiological experts during any radiological incident. The revolving loan program provides low-interest loans to assist water suppliers in providing safe, high quality drinking water; for wastewater treatment improvements, stormwater treatment, and non-point source pollution control projects; and for projects to upgrade or replace failing septic systems or remove inflow from sewer leads. The Enforcement Section and the Field Operations Section assist the programs through a range of assistance and compliance activities. Contact the **Resource Management Division** at 517-335-2690.

## ***Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals***

The RMD, Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals (OOGM), is responsible for assuring the efficient and orderly development of fossil fuel and mineral resources while protecting the environment, property, and public health and safety. The OOGM oversees the locating, drilling, operating, and plugging of wells used for exploration and production of oil, gas, brine, and other minerals, including wells for underground storage and waste disposal. The OOGM regulates the operation and reclamation of mines for metallic minerals, industrial sand, and coal. The OOGM also compiles data on fossil fuels and minerals for industry and public use. Contact the **Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals** at 517-241-1515.

## ***Water Resources Division***

The Water Resources Division (WRD) was established in 2010 with the combining of the former Water Bureau and Land and Water Management Division. The water quality side establishes water quality standards; assesses water quality, issues permits to regulate the discharge of industrial and municipal wastewaters, and is responsible for wastewater collection and treatment facilities; and monitors state water resources for water quality, the quantity and quality of aquatic habitat, the health of aquatic communities, and compliance with state laws. The WRD also provides oversight to local soil erosion and sedimentation control programs. The water resources side administers a variety of programs that help protect sensitive natural resources, including inland lakes and streams, wetlands, floodplains, sand dunes, and the Great Lakes. The WRD is responsible for promoting the best use of these resources for their social and economic benefits while protecting associated resource values, property rights, the environment, and public health and safety. The WRD provides technical assistance and regulatory oversight over activities such as dredging or filling wetlands, streams, inland lakes, and the Great Lakes; constructing or dismantling dams; constructing marinas, seawalls, or docks; building in a designated critical sand dune, wetland, or floodplain; and protecting underwater shipwreck resources. Contact the **Water Resources Division** at 517-373-1170.